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## PREFACE.

In presenting this our first issue of the North Carolina State Directory, we hope we have supplied a want long felt by the citizens, and trust they will over look any errors or descrepances we may have committed. We have done our best to make the work complete and accurate in all its departments, but we do not claim that it is altogether free from errors, as there are many classes to contend with in collecting the information for a publication of this kind, and no matter how great the experience of the compiler, errors are unavoidable. This work is strictly a home enterprize, the printing done by the NEWS Publishing Co., binding by John Armstrong, and the paper made by Falls of Neuse Manufacturing Co., all of Raleigh. Thus has all the money been kept at home. Owing to the election and the unsettled state of affairs which caused us considerable trouble and expense in collecting our information, we have been unavoidably delayed in our publication.

Knowing that our work will compare favorably with similar publications throughout the country, it is our in-

tention to publish it every two years.

With the experience gained by this publication, we can assure our patrons that our future issues will be an improvement upon what we have already done, and we will be thankful to any friend who will take the trouble to point out any errors they may discover or to suggest where im-

provements may be made.

We return our sincere thanks to all who have aided us by furnishing the necessary information, especially to the Registers of Deeds in the various counties and members of the General Assembly of North Carolina, and trust that our humble efforts in the future may meet with the same liberal patronage heretofore extended to us.

Respectfully,
THE PUBLISHERS.